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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2875**
Naoki MIDOH et al. : **Docket No. 2002-0317A**
Serial No. 10/070,387 : **Group Art Unit 1652**
Filed March 6, 2002 : **Examiner David J. STEADMAN**
CYCLIC DEPSIPEPTIDE SYNTHETASE : **Mail Stop: AF AMENDMENT**
AND METHOD FOR RECOMBINANT
PRODUCTION (amended)

RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.114
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1652

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated July 23, 2004, the period for response having been extended for one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.